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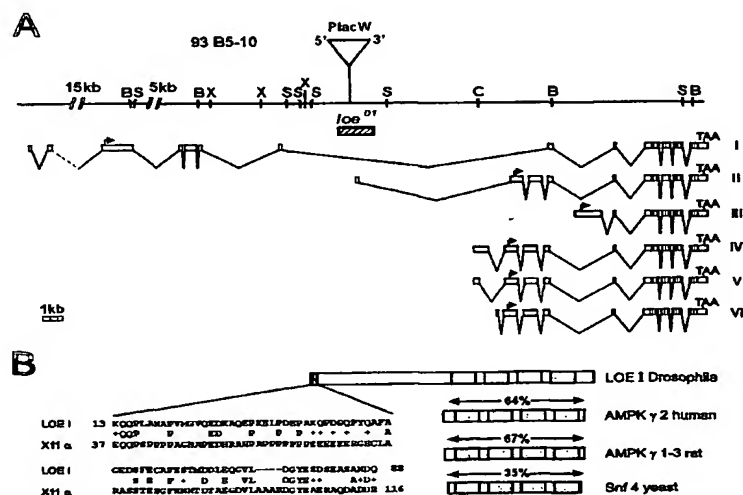
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(54) Title: AN INVERTEBRATE ANIMAL MODEL WITH NEURODEGENERATIVE PHENOTYPE FOR SCREENING AND TESTING SUBSTANCES



(57) Abstract: The present invention claims an invertebrate animal that has been modified to express a set of genes, said set comprising the gene coding for a modified version of the gamma subunit of AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK). According to the invention, the animal displays an identifiable phenotype related to lipid metabolism and neurodegeneration. This animal provides a model of neurodegenerative diseases, particularly Alzheimer's disease, and may be useful for screening and testing modulating agents, substances and therapeutic compounds for neurodegenerative disorders.



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